

Department of Public Safety - Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One Ashburton Place – Boston – MA 02108
Board of Elevator Regulations – Hearings
Minutes – November 23, 2010 – 1:00PM

PRESENT:

John Caughey, Chair
John O'Donohue, Member
Todd Grossman, Legal, DPS

Gene Piermattei, Secretary – Designee
Kevin McGettigan, Member

John Otis, Member
Deborah Ho, Admin Assist.

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Michael Nicorolo, Member Harold McGonagle, Member

- I. Meeting is called to order by John Caughey, Chair at 1:00PM – introduction of the board members Gene Piermattei, Secretary – Reciting the General Laws – Quorum is present – reviewing minutes – Motion to accept the minutes – John O'Donoghue – Seconded by: Kevin McGettigan
Vote – Accept - 5-0

II. Hyatt Regency Hotel - 1 Ave de Lafayette – Boston

Review and vote on variances – 1) motion for variance for drain pipes –AC unit to be worked on in the machine rooms – motioned to grant the variance Kevin McGettigan

Motioned to grant variance by: Kevin McGettigan
Seconded by: John O'Donoghue
Vote: 4-1 – Granted – John Otis - Opposed

2) accept variance for expansion tanks – motion to grant the variance with and inclusion to – must have a licensed elevator person present when the equipment is being serviced

Motioned to grant variance by: Kevin McGettigan
Seconded by: John O'Donoghue
Vote: 4-1 Granted – John Otis – Opposed

3) Remove old wall and reverse the door in case work is needed; opening of Machine Room door so disconnects are not on the jamb side

Motioned to grant variance by: John O'Donoghue
Seconded by: Gene Piermattei
Vote: 5-0 - Granted

**III. The Urban Hound – 129 Malden Street – Boston
Darren Cloutier –Thyssen Krupp**

Exhibit 1 – Drawing sketches of machine room

Seeking variance to reduce the clearance of disconnects in machine room – a permit has been applied for – Discussion on the clearance

Motioned to grant variance by: Kevin McGettigan
Seconded by: John Otis
Vote: 5-0 – Granted

IV. Soldiers Home – 91Crest Ave – Chelsea
Michael Walsh –United Elevator
Donald Parhington – United Elevator
Brenda DeAmicio – United Elevator

Seeking variance to remove the 5th flr elevator State ID# 57-P-49 – Remove the top flr landing at the 5th level – the 5th flr is a prohibited area; when there is either a power failure or the card reader is disabled, the elevator will automatically ascend to the 5th flr sometimes trapping people on the 5th flr after hours

Motioned to grant variance by: Kevin McGettigan
Seconded by: John O'Donoghue
Vote: 5-0 – Granted

V. Dudley Senior Housing – 2315 Washington Street – Boston
Darren Cloutier – Thyssen Krupp

Exhibit 1 –Architect Drawing of Synergy 85S plans for 2315 Washington Street – Boston
Exhibit 2 – Brochure of Synergy 85S

Seeking variance for an installation – does not know whether a permit has been applied – Discussion of the Synergy 85S unit (elevator) – describing the hoist ropes and machine room – Motioned to grant variance for installation of proposed a Synergy 85S provided the furnishing more data on the hoist ropes

Motioned to grant variance by: Kevin McGettigan
Seconded by: Gene Piermattei
Vote: 4-1- Granted – John Otis – Opposed

VI. Society of St. John the Evangelist
William Hammer – HKT Architects, Inc

Exhibit 1- Pictures of Church
Exhibit 2 – Drawing plans of the vertical platform lift

Seeking variance for an installation of a vertical platform lift – a permit has not been applied – would like to request to add a vertical platform lift – with an historic nature in the building, the church does not have the headroom for 6' 8" door at the upper level; is requesting a variance to use a 6'6" high door

Motioned to grant variance by: John O'Donoghue
Seconded by: John Otis
Vote: 5-0 Granted

VII. Todd Grossman, Legal, Department of Public Safety
Discussion with the Board Members on a draft of the new policies

Submitted by: Deborah Ho

